

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/816,876	ZHOU ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment - After Non-Final Rejection filed on 05/14/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The modifications to the drawings were received on 05/14/2007. These modifications are accepted by the Examiner.

In view of the amendment filed on 05/14/2007, the Examiner withdraws drawings objections of the previous Office action.

Specification

The modifications to the specification were received on 05/14/2007. These modifications are accepted by the Examiner.

In view of the amendment filed on 05/14/2007, the Examiner withdraws Specification objections of the previous Office action.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Amendment - After Non-Final Rejection, filed 05/14/2007, with respect to claims 1 and 6 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1 and 6 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1-10 are allowed because the references cited fail to teach, as applicant has, a method in an OFDM direct conversion receiver, the method including receiving OFDM symbols, including an initial minimum number of short preamble symbols; first generating autocorrelated signal values based on successively autocorrelating consecutive

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samples from consecutive OFDM symbols, each of the short preamble symbols having a first prescribed number of samples and each autocorrelated signal value generated based on autocorrelating a second number of adjacent samples, the second number twice the first prescribed number, second generating a median autocorrelation value from at least a prescribed minimum number of the autocorrelated signal values having been generated from the initial minimum number of short preamble symbols, and detecting a symbol boundary, identifying an end of the short preamble symbols, based on detecting the autocorrelated signal values having passed below a threshold that is based on the median autocorrelation value; and an OFDM direct conversion receiver including: a correlator configured for receiving OFDM symbols, including an initial minimum number of short preamble symbols, and generating autocorrelated signal values based on successively autocorrelating consecutive samples from consecutive OFDM symbols, each of the short preamble symbols having a first prescribed number of samples and each autocorrelated signal value generated based on the correlator autocorrelating a second number of adjacent samples, the second number twice the first prescribed number, a median filter configured for generating a median autocorrelation value from at least a prescribed minimum number of the autocorrelated signal values having been generated from the initial minimum number of short preamble symbols; and a detector configured for detecting a symbol boundary, identifying an end of the short preamble symbols, based on detecting the autocorrelated signal values having passed below a threshold that is based on the median autocorrelation value, as the applicant has claimed.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Juan A. Torres whose telephone number is 571-272-3119. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-6 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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